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Fiscal Policy and Analysis Committee

Meeting of February 7, 2000

Other Commissioners present

Jacqueline A. Benjamin

Lance Izumi

Jeff Marston

Kyhl Smeby

Committee

Kyo "Paul" Jhin, Chair

members present Darren Guerra

Ralph Pesqueira Andrea L. Rich Roger Schrimp

Melinda G. Wilson

Guillermo Rodriguez, Jr., ex officio

Alan S. Arkatov, ex officio

Committee member absent

Ward Connerly, Vice Chair

Call to order

Chair Jhin called the Fiscal Policy and Analysis Committee meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, West Building, Penthouse, 6067 Wilshire Boulevard, 5th Floor, Los Angeles, California.

Approval of the minutes

Chair Jhin noted that the committee had a quorum. A motion was made, and the committee voted without dissent, to approve the minutes of the December 13, 1999, meeting, as submitted.

Providing for Progress: California Higher Education Enrollment Demand and Resources into the 21st Century Executive Director Fox introduced the report, *Providing for Progress*, for committee consideration. He said the committee had heard the report twice before as information items when now retired Commission staff member Bill Storey had presented the item. Director Fox said the report addressed California's ability to accommodate a "tidal wave" of increased postsecondary enrollment demand in the first decade of the new century. He said the current draft had been edited and improved insofar as structure and readability were concerned. He reported that the University of California had, in recent legislative testimony, already utilized the enrollment demand projections in the report. He called upon report team members Beth Graybill and Stacy Wilson to discuss the new draft.

Mr. Wilson said the work leading up to presentation of this report started nearly a year and half before. He reviewed some of the major findings of the report and chronicled some of the changes brought about by prior discussion. He noted too that the report's projections for UC 1999 fall enrollment had already proved accu-

rate. He said that staff would, after the report is released, also present enrollment demand figures by regions in the state.

Commissioner Wilson said the report should contain an analysis of the use of technology in higher education and its impact on enrollment-related issues.

Mr. Wilson said that information and analysis of technology in higher education was so important that it should go in a separate report or in the draft *Policy for Progress* report.

Commissioner Wilson insisted that the subject of technology should be addressed in *Providing for Progress* and that it belonged in the section of the report that addresses the capacity of current and future higher education facilities.

Mr. Wilson said such an addition would take some two or three months work and that staff preferred not hold up the release of the report.

Commissioner Wilson said, although it may not be possible to add extensively to the current draft, she believes that technology is an important issue deserving of more discussion in *Providing for Progress*.

Director Fox noted that the Commission had previously produced two major reports that addressed various aspects of technology and higher education. He suggested that *Providing for Progress* could be amended to reference this prior work.

There was a general discussion about the influence of technology on all phases of higher education -- cataloging technology availability on a campus-by-campus basis, the validity of research done a statewide rather than the local or regional campus level, on-line college enrollment applications, analysis of enrollment capacity at impacted campuses, and the role the Commission might play in helping higher education stay ahead of the technology curve.

Commissioner Rodriguez raised questions about the potential impact of changes in the K-12 sector on future higher education enrollment demand.

Mr. Wilson referenced the student outreach programs discussed in the report and said they may produce even better results that staff expects.

Commissioner Wilson reiterated her comments about the importance of technology in higher education and inclusion of this topic in the report. She said she liked the suggestion of Director Fox to include references to prior Commission reports in the current draft with the hope of later supplemental work.

Chair Rodriguez commented that this could result in an even larger "tidal wave" of student enrollment demand, and speculated as to why the Legislative Analyst had argued otherwise.

Commissioner Marston asked about the different point-of-view between the Commission and the Legislative Analyst. Chair Fox responded that it was one largely of semantics and approach to statistical validation. Commissioner Marston suggested

that staff work with the Legislative Analyst office in looking at enrollment demand data.

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the *Providing For Progress* report with the inclusion of a limited discussion of technology in higher education. The motion was seconded and passed without dissent.

Faculty Salaries in California **Public** Universities, 2000-01

Chair Jhin called upon Kevin Woolfork to report on public university faculty salaries. Mr. Woolfork said this annual report goes to the Governor and Legislature and discusses the lag between faculty salaries at California public universities and some comparison institutions. He passed out a page amending Display 7 in the item. He said the respective projected lag for CSU and UC is 8.9 and 3 percent.

There was a general discussion of the report methodology, including selection of respective comparison institutions and the schedule to review the process in 2002-03.

Adjournment

Having no further business, Commissioner Jhin adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.